Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, South Dakota, are celebrating 125 years since their founding; and,

Whereas, The pioneer founding Sisters of the monastery came to Maryville, Missouri, from Maria Rickenbach in Switzerland in 1880; and,

Whereas, The Sisters moved to Yankton in 1887 at the invitation of Bishop Martin Marty, pioneer missionary among the Dakota Sioux; and,

Whereas, Sacred Heart Monastery has developed into a flourishing motherhouse; and,

Whereas, The Sisters have engaged in ministry of education at all levels and healthcare since 1897, now sponsoring Mount Marty College in Yankton and co-sponsoring Avera Health System throughout South Dakota and other states; and,

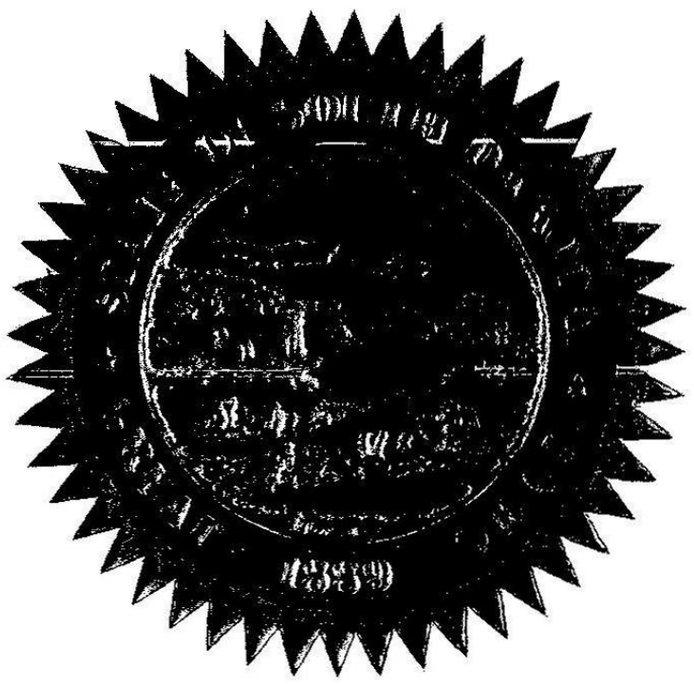
Whereas, Their ministries have expanded to parish and diocesan ministry, social services, liturgical arts, pastoral care, retreats and spiritual direction; and,

Whereas, Sacred Heart Monastery continues to be a religious influence throughout the state of South Dakota and beyond:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2005, as

BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF SACRED HEART MONASTERY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State